

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 10 public bills, H.R. 2941–2950; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 304, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1102, to provide for pension reform, amended (H. Rept. 106–331 Pt. 1);

H.R. 2436, to amend title 18, United States Code, and the Uniform Code of Military Justice to protect unborn children from assault and murder, amended (H. Rept. 106–332 Pt. 1);

H.R. 2679, to amend title 49, United States Code, to establish the National Motor Carrier Administration in the Department of Transportation, to improve the safety of commercial motor vehicle operators and carriers, and to strengthen commercial driver's licenses (H. Rept. 106–333); and

H. Con. Res. 187, expressing the sense of Congress regarding the European Council noise rule affecting hushkitted and reengined aircraft (H. Rept. 106–334 Pt. 1).

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National Monument NEPA Compliance Act: The House passed H.R. 1487, to provide for public participation in the declaration of national monuments under the Act popularly known as the Antiquities Act of 1906 by a ye and nay vote of 408 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 444.

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Agreed to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order by the rule.

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Agreed to the Vento amendment that specifies that nothing in this Act or any amendment made by the Act shall be construed to enlarge, diminish, or modify the authority of the president to act to protect public lands and resources.

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H. Res. 296, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote.

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Juvenile Justice Reform Act—Motions to Instruct Conferees: The House considered the following motions to instruct conferees on H.R. 1501, to provide grants to ensure increased accountability for juvenile offenders:

McCarthy of New York Motion to Instruct: Rejected the McCarthy of New York motion to instruct conferees to insist that (1) the committee of conference should this week have its first substantive meeting to offer amendments and motions, including gun safety amendments and motions; and (2) the

committee of conference should meet every weekday in public session until the committee of conference agrees to recommend a substitute, by a ye and nay vote of 190 yeas to 218 nays, Roll No. 445. Debate on the motion was completed on September 23;

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Doolittle Motion to Instruct: Agreed to the Doolittle motion to instruct conferees to not include Senate provisions that (1) do not recognize that the second amendment to the Constitution protects the individual right of American citizens to keep and bear arms; and (2) impose unconstitutional restrictions on the second amendment rights of individuals, by a ye and nay vote of 337 yeas to 73 nays, Roll No. 446; and

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Lofgren Motion to Instruct: Agreed to the Lofgren motion to instruct conferees to recommend a conference substitute that includes provisions within the scope of conference which are consistent with the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution e.g., (1) requiring unlicensed dealers at gun shows to conduct background checks; (2) banning the juvenile possession of assault weapons; (3) requiring that child safety locks be sold with every handgun; and (4) Juvenile Brady, by a ye and nay vote of 241 yeas to 167 nays, Roll No. 447.

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Legislative Program: The Majority Leader announced the legislative program for the week of September 27 to October 1.

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Meeting Hour—Monday, September 27: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, September 27 for morning-hour debates.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business on Wednesday, September 29.

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Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate appears on page H8631.

Amendments Ordered Printed: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H8666.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four ye and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H8657, H8658, H8658–59, and H8659–60. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Committee Meetings

PRESERVING AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AND FAMILIES

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 202, Preserving Affordable Housing for Senior Citizens and Families into the 21st Century Act.

MUHAMMAD ALI BOXING REFORM ACT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protections approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 1832, Muhammad Ali Boxing Reform Act.

FEDERAL PRISON INDUSTRIES: RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REFORM

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Federal Prison Industries: Recommendations for Reforms. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SOUTHWEST BORDER DRUG THREAT

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources held a hearing on Examining the Drug Threat Along the Southwest Border. Testimony was heard from Barry R. McCafrey, Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy; the following officials of the Department of Justice: Richard Fiano, Chief of Operations, DEA; and Michael Pearson, Executive Associate, Field Operations, Immigration and Naturalization Service; Brig. Gen. Dorian Anderson, USA, Commander, Joint Task Force 6, Department of Defense; Sam Banks, Deputy Commissioner, U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—DC'S YEAR 2000 CONVERSION COMPLIANCE

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on the District of Columbia held an oversight hearing on the Status of the District of Columbia's Year 2000 Conversion Compliance and Technology Improvement Plan. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the District of Columbia: Anthony Williams, Mayor; Kathleen Patterson, Councilmember—Ward 2; and Suzanne Peck, Chief Technology Officer; Constance Newman, Vice-Chairman, District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority; and the following officials of the Accounting and Information Management Division, GAO: Jack Brock, Director, Information Management Issues; and Gloria Jarmon, Director, Health, Education and Human Services, Accounting and Financial Management Issues.

POLICING IN NORTHERN IRELAND—PATTEN COMMISSION REPORT

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights held a hearing on the Patten Commission Report on Policing in Northern Ireland. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SMALL WATERSHED REHABILITATION AMENDMENTS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on H.R. 728, Small Watershed Rehabilitation Amendments of 1999. Testimony was heard from Representative Lucas of Oklahoma; Danny D. Sells, Associate Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

TAX LAW—EXTEND EXPIRING PROVISIONS

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 2923, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend expiring provisions, to fully allow the nonrefundable personal credits against regular tax liability.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of September 27 through October 2, 1999

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, Senate will consider S. Res. 186 and S. Res. 187, resolutions relating to education funding, concurrently, with votes on or in relation to the resolutions to begin at approximately 5:30 p.m.

During the balance of the week, Senate will consider any other cleared legislative and executive business, including appropriation bills and conference reports, when available.

(On *Tuesday*, Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: September 30, to hold hearings to review the Administration's agriculture agenda for the upcoming World Trade Organization meeting in Seattle, 9 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Appropriations: September 28, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings on Parkinson's disease research and treatment, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: September 28, to hold hearings to examine public ownership of the United States stock market issues, 10 a.m., SD-538.